

is also given of the genera and species of *Commelinaceæ* in the U. S., *Commelina* containing 5 species, *Tradescantia* 5, and *Tinantia* 1. The changes are that *C. Cuyennensis* Rich. and *C. communis* of Chapman, become *C. nudiflora*, L.; *C. erecta* of Gray and Chapman is *C. hirtella*, Vahl., while *C. erecta*, L. still ranges from Penn. to Fla. An arrangement of the species of *Bouteloua* is also given, the 25 species being arranged under 4 sections, as proposed by Bentham. These sections are *Chondrosium* with 10 species, *Atheropogon* with 10; *Triathera* with 2, and *Polyodon* with 3. *B. Burkei*, Scribner, *B. Harvardi*, Vasey, and *B. Texana*, Watson, are three species proposed as new. *B. curtispindula*, Torr. becomes *B. racemosa*, Lag. The Ferns are described by Prof. Eaton and among them are two new species of *Cheilanthes*. The Mosses were determined by the late Thos. P. James, and the very few lower cryptogams by Prof. Farlow.

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